

UP THE LADDER TO CONGRESS--TALKS WITH NEW SELF-MADE MEMBERS



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KELLY, of Pennsylvania.
New Baby of the House.

LINDQUIST, of Michigan.



Morrin, of Pennsylvania.



KINDEL, of Colorado.



WARREN W. BAILEY (Pennsylvania).



HINERBAUGH, of Illinois.

BY JOHN ELLFRET WATKINS.
Washington, D. C.
Now that all of the cliques and clubs have gathered and have at last settled down to a period of rest—now that we have had time to look the matter over and to enjoy heart-to-heart talks with many—we find, as usual, that the most interesting coterie among the entire great galaxy of new Congressmen is that composed of the self-made men—those who in their hard Washington struggle have climbed the scaling ladder of success from the very bottom rung.

You, the reader, who have seen and whatever you may be, can be given the same doses of the experiences and philosophy of these new figures in our public life, who pride themselves upon the humbleness of their beginnings, upon the number of rocks and thorns upon which they have scarred their tired feet along the hard and hilly path of life.

Upon that path none of the new members of Congress had a more adventurous journey than that experienced by William H. Murray, who has just come to the House as representative at large from the infant State of Oklahoma.

"I was born in a November storm, cradled in the lap of adversity, chastened by hardships and poverty, but never permitted myself to become depressed by defeat," said "Alfalfa Bill," as this soldier is affectionately known throughout his State. He was born forty-four years ago in Texas, and most of his boyhood, until the age of twelve, was spent out of doors, punching cattle and doing odd jobs about the farm. School played little part in his education. It was not until Sunday school that he learned his alphabet.

His mother having died when he was two, a stepmother soon came to rule over the little home, with the result that young Bill at the age of twelve ran away to seek his fortune, and for a time he stopped in Wise County, picking cotton, and then moved farther South, again picking cotton or chopping cord wood.

Found Weeping by the Roadside.
"Some two years after I ran away I found myself out of work," Mr. Murray recalled. "Hand to time were upon the country, and those searching for work were unable to find it. After sleeping in the woods one night, and without having had any breakfast, I walked up the public road to a point some two miles west of Euclid, Tex., and sat down by the roadside, where, in my desperation, I commenced to cry. I was lying there when an old man came up, asked me what was the matter, and when informed, employed me to pick cotton for him. I later learned that my new employer was a relative, and a parcel of horse thieves. In fact, two of his own boys were shot, some few miles away, while running a bunch of horses."

It was after this that Mr. Murray received, in a little log schoolhouse, what was practically his first educational training. Then he did farm work for \$150 a month, labored in a brick yard and went to the Trinity River, where he ran cattle. Meanwhile, he went to school whenever the opportunity offered, between periods of employment, and until his small savings gave out.

"When I was eighteen, and after I had thus exhausted my funds by attending school," he went on to relate, "I was compelled to tramp from Phillipsburg to Buffalo, Tex. In the bottom

of Trinity River night overtook me, and there being no houses nearby, I stopped by the railroad, built me a pen of some crosses, crawled in, and went to sleep. I built this fortification against wildcats and cougars, which the inhabitants of those parts call 'varmints.' But I awoke in the morning to find that I had been attacked by another foe, which had come in thousands. My hands and face were nothing but welts left by mosquitoes. But I continued my tramp without food or money."

It was after this adventure that Mr. Murray became a country schoolmaster, and, having taught in several district schools, he broke into the newspaper field, became associate editor of the Farmers' World, a State weekly at Dallas, and later established and edited the daily and weekly News at Corsicana. Meanwhile he had been studying law, and after his admission to the bar, went to Oklahoma, where he became chairman of the convention which framed the Constitution for that new State.

"I have many a time gone hungry," said this picturesque member, in conclusion, "and many a time I have been without the real necessities of life. In fact, these and subsequent vicissitudes my chief solace has been derived from the lessons I learned in reading 'Benjamin Franklin's Autobiography,' wherein he so vividly points out the need of self-denial. Every boy should read that book."

New Baby at the House.
It was a shock to the friends of the astute John Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, that such a veteran legislator, with a record of twenty-six years in the House, and as one of the "big boys" of the old Cannon days, should be succeeded by a stripling of only twenty-eight, who now comes to Congress glorifying in the fact that he is its youngest member. This new "baby of the House," Melville O. Kelly, Republican of Bradock, Pa., has this to say of his early ambitions.

"I believe I can scarcely remember a time when I was not fully determined to go into public life, and somehow I particularly selected Congress as the scene of my future activities. Possession of the fact that he is its youngest member, this new 'baby of the House,' Melville O. Kelly, Republican of Bradock, Pa., has this to say of his early ambitions.

Schoolmaster When Fifteen.
When only twelve this precocious youngster received upon his slender shoulders practically the entire responsibility of conducting the store, for his father had fallen into ill health. Yet he continued with his studies, and at fifteen took the examination for a position as district school teacher. He received the appointment and set out for his charge, but heard before he reached it that a strike had been declared by the pupils, who were resentful at having a teacher to lord it over them, and many of whom were

twenty years of age. After his arrival, however, the boy schoolmaster, by a clever stroke of diplomacy, won over the hearts of the belligerents. He organized a school baseball team, and in other ways made his institution of learning such an attractive place that it was soon booming.

For seven years Kelly thus shaped the young idea, and at the end of that period had saved enough to pay for a two-year course at Muskingum College. When his funds ran out, he next took a position as general agent for a publishing company, there holding a prospectus looking rather like a ten-cent lodging house. I was given a little room in the top of the house and just half a door lung in the opening between me and an old deserted attic. With only a candle for light, I had a pretty gruesome night of it."

Mr. Lindquist next became a clerk and later manager in a big clothing establishment at Muskegon, Mich. But he had still pursued him and the business failed. At that time he was supporting his wife and his mother and prospects looked rather hopeless. An opening in a feed store presented itself, however, and thus it was that just about ten years ago Lindquist was superintending the loading and hauling of the bags of grain and feed and often taking a hand in the labor himself. The day before entered the feed store his left arm was nearly broken, and it was a fairly well discouraged man who appeared for work with one arm in a sling. Times were hard then in Michigan and Mr. Lindquist was on the lookout for something better to do. He took a stocker position opening in Grand Rapids, Mich., and while on his way there found it necessary to stop off overnight at Greenville to make train connections. While there he heard of a stocker position at a low price. The future representative had just \$40 to his name, but he visited the merchant. The latter wanted \$400, but he finally agreed to take the \$40 cash and a note. Needless to say, Mr. Lindquist didn't go on to Grand Rapids, but brought his fairly well broken arm and a note to Greenville, and with his brother's help he successfully established his new business that in two years, he says, his clear profits amounted to \$5,500. His plant now consists of one factory, two mail order houses and two retail stores.

A Youthful Cattle Herder.
Until he was twelve Warren W. Bailey, new representative from Johnstown, Pa., did chores on an Illinois prairie farm, looking after a cattle herd, or while still too young to mount a horse, he overcame this difficulty by teaching the steed to kneel. When he was fourteen he made his first big money by peddling water from his home well among neighbors whose wells had gone dry from the great drought of that year. At first he carried the water in pails, by hand, and then in a wheelbarrow, until the business became so flourishing that he purchased a wagon and a horse. He worked during the following months for a grain dealer, he began to study telegraphy at fifteen and soon obtained employment as an operator in the Chicago stock yards. Meanwhile his stocker position had been limited to short periods at the county schools and he had to hustle again. He journeyed to St. Paul, and, by chance, on the street there saw a sign, Newsboy Wanted. He found that the boy selected was to sell papers over the Wisconsin Central Railroad, and I was accepted. My employer demanded security. I didn't have any money, so had to part with my watch and chain. My first trip out was rather unfortunate, for



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BURLINGTON
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Burlington, N. C., May 17.—On Tuesday evening John R. Hoffman gave a delightful reception at his home on Front Street, in honor of Miss Lucile Bulla, one of the city teachers, who will go home next week. An orchestra furnished music during the evening. The punch was dispensed by Grace Hoffman, and she and Miss Bulla were the guests of honor. Miss Bulla was accompanied by her sister, Miss Swann, and her mother, Mrs. Swann. The party was a very successful one. Refreshments in two courses were served.

Miss Louise Buck gave a delightful party Friday evening in honor of several of the teachers. The entire evening was a social affair. The party was arranged as a school picnic. The refreshments were served in two courses. The party was a very successful one.

Miss Blanche Thomas entertained the Christian Endeavor most pleasantly at her home on Union Street Tuesday evening. The time was spent on the lawn playing decorated games, ice cream and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Allen Holt are off this week for a Northern trip, to Annapolis, Md., and Washington, D. C. Mr. Holt is spending the winter in Florida for the doctor's health. He has returned home. The trip proved very beneficial.

HYLAS
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Hylas, Va., May 17.—Mrs. E. S. Reed and Mrs. C. L. Johnson spent last week in Richmond. Mrs. Reed and her daughter, Miss Reed, and Mrs. J. R. Hopper and nephew, Fred, spent Sunday at J. M. Whitshire's.

Rev. L. L. Loyall and John Noel, of Louisa County, spent Sunday at J. M. Whitshire's. Mrs. Mary Roland Dunbar, who has been spending the winter at Dublin, is home for the summer.

Miss Johnnie, of Ohio, arrived here Thursday to spend several weeks with relatives. Miss Lattitia Cuthorne, of Richmond, has been the guest this week of Mrs. T. H. Gentry.

Miss Emma Stephenson left this week for Pennsylvania to remain several months with relatives. Miss Emily Hall left yesterday for Annapolis, Md., to visit her brother, Cadet Emily Hall, who will graduate from the Naval Academy next month.

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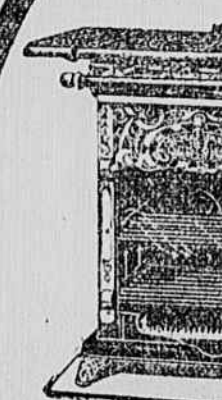
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